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Carer is charged with OAP murder

A CARER has appeared in court charged with the murder of a pensioner.

Bunthawee Rimmer, 49, of Castle Lane, Haverhill, appeared at Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court yesterday morning to face a charge of murdering Paul Norfolk, 77, between December 28 and December 31, 2011.

Mr Norfolk, also of Castle Lane, Haverhill, was found dead at his home by police on Friday, December 30.

Rimmer was also found injured at the address and taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital. She was discharged as a patient on Saturday, and remained in police custody until she was charged with murder on Tuesday night.

Magistrates sent the case to Ipswich Crown Court, where Rimmer appeared before Judge John Deveau yesterday afternoon, with a Thai interpreter translating the proceedings for her. She made no application for bail and was remanded in custody until a plea

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and case management hearing, due to take place on March 16. A provisional trial date was set for early July.

Mr Norfolk had lived in Haverhill since the 1960s and last worked as foreman at International Flavours and Fragrances.

One neighbour told the *Weekly News* of his sadness after hearing of the death of diabetes-sufferer Mr Norfolk.

He said: "We saw him on Christmas Day when he popped round with some presents and became concerned when we didn't see him again. He was meant to be going for a drink on Friday night."

"He was a diamond of a bloke and a real sweetheart."

Another resident added: "I often saw him out walking his dog but I didn't think anything of him not being about until I heard he missed Friday night – he was normally very sociable. It is so sad and I cannot imagine what could have happened."

A post mortem examination found he died as a result of head injuries.



Investigation: the house in Castle Lane, Haverhill, where 77-year-old Paul Norfolk was found dead by police last Friday. Carer Bunthawee Rimmer appeared in court yesterday charged with his murder.



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Libraries team seeks candidates to run service

THREE members of a board to run Suffolk's libraries have been chosen – but another four positions are up for grabs.

The interim board will be in charge of launching the Independent and Provident Society (IPS), which Suffolk County Council agreed would run the library service, helped by community groups.

Clive Fox, who has been appointed chairman of the interim board, said public support for the libraries had led the council to prioritise maintaining a comprehensive service, despite economic pressure.

He added that communities must get involved to make sure the service gives them what they want.

He said: "The first few years will be a voyage of discovery and a process of learning which is what libraries are for. It will depend crucially on all those who work for it, whether as professionals in libraries or as volunteers involved in local management and initiatives."

Mike Hosking, who has been director of libraries, learning and culture at Cambridgeshire County Council, and Shona Bendix, who acted as the chief executive of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils for six years, have also been appointed founding members of the board.

Suffolk County Council has told community library groups to nominate candidates to fill four other positions. Applications and nominations must be received by Sunday, January 22.

Staff will be represented on the interim board and a council observer will also be appointed.

A board elected by members of the IPS will take over from the interim board in the next year and a half.

The council has said the model will cost a maximum of £652,000 to set up but its annual cost is expected to be £6.49m rather than the £8.96m spent running the service in 2010/11.

Having a laugh: Slimming World consultant Jasmina Bacall meets comedian Jason Manford at the Slimming World Awards.



Raising smile for slimmers

FUNNY man Jason Manford made it a special celebration for Jasmina Bacall when they met at Slimming World's annual awards ceremony to celebrate its most successful slimmers.

Jasmina, who runs weekly Slimming World groups at The New Croft, Haverhill, every Wednesday, was thrilled to meet the comedian, who shot to fame on TV panel show *8 Out of 10 Cats* at the event in Birmingham.

Jason joined Slimming World's founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell to host the ceremony.

He said: "Presenting the Slimming World Awards was a real honour. I was blown away by the achievements of all of the slimmers who joined us on stage. Throughout the day I met so many inspirational people, not only the slimmers collecting awards but also the amazing people like Jasmina who run the groups and help them achieve so much. It's literally changed their lives beyond all recognition."

"I know keeping weight in control is a challenge for a lot of us these days and I think the people of Haverhill are very lucky to have someone who is clearly as dedicated to their members as Jasmina is."

Jasmina said meeting Jason Manford was the perfect ending to another extraordinary year for Slimming World. The national organisation helps more than a million people every year to lose weight and lead healthier, happier lives at one of its 8,000 weekly sessions.

Jasmina said: "But there's still a lot of work to be done. With some of the highest levels of obesity in Europe here in the UK, in 2012 we want to help even more people to slim down and improve their health starting this January."

To get 2012 off to a super slimming start, call 0844 897 8000 or visit www.slimmingworld.com.

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Alert on sex and alcohol

A 'NO means no' campaign has been launched by sexual health services and police in Suffolk to try to curb the number of drink related offences.

The aim of the campaign is to educate and inform young people about the links between alcohol and sexual assault. Its three main messages are – responsibility, consent and look after your friends. It stresses the point that when people indulge in drinking more alcohol than usual they are more likely to be in a vulnerable situation.

Harmoni, commissioned by NHS Suffolk to run sexual health services across the county, has teamed up with the police to promote the campaign.

Det Chief Insp Kerry Cutler said: "The campaign is designed to make young people think about how short-term actions can have long-term consequences. When most people hear the word 'rape' they tend to think of a stranger waiting in bushes and attacking women as they walk home late at night. The reality is far from this and most of the rapes reported to us involve people who are known to each other."

"Alcohol can affect your judgment, make you lose your inhibitions and mean you take risks and cross the line. Have sex with someone who hasn't said yes to it and you could end up going to prison, for rape. The maximum sentence that a judge can impose is life imprisonment. But even if you don't receive a sentence of this length, the conviction will remain with you for the rest of your life."

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Victorian cottage to face wreckers

Planning inspector overturns demolition refusal

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or its landscape's character will be refused.

The application to build a replacement dwelling was initially submitted in June 2010 and was turned down by Braintree District Council. The application was refused again in January 2011 and the following June but permission was given on appeal by the inspectorate last month.

Dr Ian Harmer, who bought the other semi-detached cottage 12 years ago, said the development would destroy the character of his home and he was concerned a precedent was being established.

He said: "We are extremely concerned about the impact

this development will have on our lives and our property but we are also worried about the precedent being set given that there are many similar properties in similar locations within a few miles of ours, and the likelihood that others may find themselves in the same position."

Helions Bumpstead Parish Council had objected to the planning proposal before its rejection in June 2011, because it was concerned, for example, the proposed replacement "overpowers" the site, the loss of a small property would exacerbate the shortage of local starter homes and would mean the village lost its only pair of brick built Victorian cottages.

But the planning inspector said in the appeal decision report a precedent will not be

set because each case is considered individually and the replacement dwelling would have a "minimal impact" on the look of the landscape, and its character and is in accordance with policy.

The report said: "The existing cottage is poorly laid out and is in need of modernisation and renovation."

"Demolition as proposed will enable a replacement dwelling to be built that will be more sustainable and energy-efficient."

A total of 12 conditions for the development, including a requirement for samples of building materials to be approved by the local planning authority, have been set.

Chase driver is sent to prison

A DRIVER is behind bars after leading police on a car chase around a school with his 2-year-old son in the vehicle.

Ashley Westlake, 23, was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison by Cambridge magistrates and banned from driving for four years after police caught him driving while disqualified for the second time.

Delia Matthews, prosecuting, said a policeman saw Westlake driving towards Linton Village College, and signalled him to stop.

"He ignored this and drove off round the grounds of the school with a police car and bike in pursuit," she said.

"The officers found his car by the school sports centre and students playing football nearby said a man and a child had fled the car."

The court heard Westlake and his son were found hiding behind a fence in the garden area of the school.

Westlake, of Waterloo Close, Newmarket, pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified and without insurance.

He said: "It was a stupid mistake. I don't know why I did it."

Quiet New Year's Eve for officers

NEW Year's Eve celebrations in Haverhill were the quietest ever from a police point of view, with only one rowdy party to deal with.

Insp Peter Ferrie said: "I walked down the High Street and there was nobody about, it was the oddest New Year ever. I think people just stayed at home to celebrate."

One party did get out of hand at St James' Court, Haverhill, where police attended around 10.30pm, following complaints from neighbours. A large number of 15- and 16-year-olds were in the property and outside. Two people were arrested for affray after fighting in the street and one police officer was assaulted and slightly hurt during the arrest. One 16-year-old was reprimanded and another released on police bail, after the house where the party was held had been cleared.

Rape accused case adjourned

A MAN accused of rape, false imprisonment and sexual assault has had the case against him adjourned until March.

Gary Beal, 43, appeared at Ipswich Crown Court on Tuesday charged with raping a woman, false imprisonment and sexual assault, all alleged to have been committed in Haverhill in June last year. Beal, of Bury Road, Thurlow, did not indicate a plea and was told by Judge John Holt that he would be continue to be granted bail until his next court appearance, a plea and case management hearing on March 30.

Moped stolen from car park

A MOPED was stolen from a car park on New Year's Eve. Between 6pm on Saturday, December 31 and 10am on Sunday, January 1, a turquoise coloured Yiben QT50 moped, registration AY08ERJ, was stolen from a car park in Jubilee Walk, Haverhill.

Judge warns 'nuisance' who attacked policeman



It's fir you: Andrew Searle donating a Christmas tree.

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Trees please, says zoo

ZOO animals can benefit from unwanted Christmas trees, with or without roots.

Keepers at Linton Zoo are asking people to spare them a thought before throwing Christmas trees on the rubbish pile.

Kim Simmons, one of the zoo's owners, said: "Greenery is very important to our animals, so live rooted and growing trees can be given a second chance at life by being planted in one of our animal

enclosures.

"Trees without roots can be used to decorate our aviaries and afterwards can be used as fuel for our bio-burner. This provides additional heating and hot water to help run our zoo at this very expensive, cold time of year.

"Trees can be left at the front gate or on the drive if we're closed."

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Expert help on hand to stop smoking in 2012

KICK-start your New Year with a pledge to stop smoking alongside 999 others across the county.

Live Well Suffolk is seeking 1,000 smokers who it will help to give up their habit through a free programme of support provided by experts.

Tim Roberts, director of Live Well Suffolk, which is commissioned to provide health promotion services by NHS Suffolk, said: "We want to help as many people stop smoking as possible and we have trained advisers to support people through the hardest part of quitting. We are

confident that people are up to four times more likely to quit with us than on their own, so we are urging people to sign up and let us help them kick the habit for good."

Participants in the scheme can choose between group and one-to-one therapy sessions on offer throughout Suffolk and nicotine products or other medication is provided on prescription as part of the programme.

To sign up for the programme, call (01473) 229292 or visit www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk.

Paralympian backs fundraiser

A PARALYMPIAN from Haverhill will be on hand at an event staged to raise funds for two wheelchair basketball teams.

Caroline Maclean, a three-time Paralympian, will sign autographs and meet supporters at the event at Sudbury Sports Centre, which is being held to benefit the Eastern Blue Stars and Aspire Stars.

The former team and the Westbury Community Association and Social Club will play an exhibition game and a penalty shootout competition will be held with a signed basketball vest up for grabs.

Sally Wager, a two-time Paralympian, Wendy Smith, a past Paralympian and coach, and Amy Conroy, a rising GB star, will be offering their coaching tips in a wheelchair basketball workshop.

Freya Levy, a rapper, will perform and budding lyricists will also have the chance to showcase their skills. Face-painting, a raffle and a cake stall will also be held.

Women and girls can have a go at wheelchair basketball and find out how they can get involved at a local level at the event on Saturday, January 14 between 10am and noon.

A MAN who admitted assaulting a police officer and a string of public order offences was given a suspended prison sentence by a judge – who told him it would be "a minor miracle" if he managed to stay out of prison.

Daniel Dale, 22, appeared at Bury St Edmunds Magistrates' Court before District Judge David Cooper on Tuesday and received a 16-week prison sentence suspended for a year, as well as being banned from all pubs and clubs in Suffolk and Norfolk for a year. He was also made the subject of a 12-month community order with an alcohol treatment requirement.

Judge Cooper asked for a probation service report to be prepared on Dale before he was sentenced, but said he believed a short custodial sentence was the best option. However, he agreed to follow the probation officer's recommendation for a community sentence, after Dale said he wanted help to tackle his drinking.

Judge Cooper said: "I am not here to be his therapist. He might have issues, but he needs to be punished for being a complete pain to the police and a lot of the people in Haverhill. He is obviously one of those people who are just a nuisance in Haverhill."

"If you offend in the next year or miss any appointments you will go to prison. If you don't, that will be a minor miracle both for the police and the other inhabitants of Haverhill. Try desperately to sort yourself out."

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Dale admitted assaulting PC Thomas in Haverhill on November 12, as well as resisting arrest by PC Circuit and using threatening behaviour on the same date. He admitted another public order offence in Haverhill last August, as well as resisting arrest and a public order offence in October.

Ian Devine, prosecuting, said on October 27 PC Circuit and PC Thomas went to Camps Road to arrest Dale, who was protesting his innocence. He continued to shout and swear and resist arrest, pushing one of the officers, who fell backwards on to the ground.

On November 12, the same two officers answered a report of two men drinking in an alcohol-free area of Haverhill. Dale resisted arrest and as he swung his arms around, struck PC Thomas. He continued swearing and again resisted arrest.

The incident in August arose after Dale was alleged to have struck a woman's car as she drove past, then got into a dispute with her husband. Dale was clearly intoxicated and was said to have been found holding part of a shovel in the couple's garden. Later that same day, he became hostile when asked to leave the Bar Vu nightclub because he did not comply with the dress code.

Claire Lockwood, for Dale, of Glemsford Place, Haverhill, said he was willing to engage with the probation service to tackle his drinking.

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Zoo opens up for animal encounter

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RARE-BREED monkeys, cute kangaroos and tiny tortoises are all being admired by visitors at Linton Zoo.

People got up close and personal with some of the independent zoo's smaller and more unusual creatures as part of its Animals Encounters sessions.

Born at Easter, a 9-month-old Turkmenian Eagle Owl, which now stands nearly 2ft tall, was brought out by one of the handlers.

Dennis the Sinaloan milk snake, Belinda the bearded dragon and Mr Dot the blue-tongue skink lizard were all on hand for animal-lovers to stroke and learn about.

A couple of lucky youngsters also had the chance to handle some of the zoo's newest arrivals, a pair of 3-month-old baby giant tortoises.



Watchful mum: keeper Mikey Peck with tapir Tanya and her youngster.

Naima Bowen, 9, and her brother Samuel, 12, both held the creatures, which will grow to their full giant size within 10

years.

Naima said: "I've never held something like this before. They're really small and cute."

Visitors also cooed over an excitable unnamed baby tapir, which was born in October and could be found running in his enclosure.

Kim Simmons, zoo director, said: "The animals love to see people."

"While we're open during school holidays, we're closed during the week in the winter as it actually works out more financially viable during these tough times. So when visitors are here, the animals really love it."

"It's a fantastic opportunity for families to do something different and learn about creatures which maybe aren't usually the most popular."

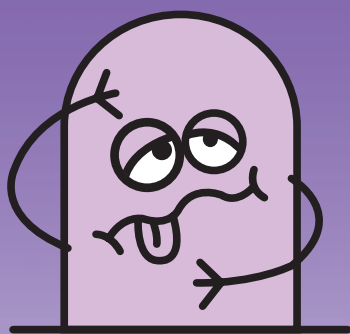
Linton Zoo is welcoming any donations of Christmas trees, whatever size and condition, to either be planted in its aviary or to be used in its biomass burner, to save on fuel costs.



Small starters: Naima Bowen holds baby giant tortoises.

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Award as Gillian loses half her weight

She joins size 10 bridesmaids

A WOMAN who was afraid of ruining her sister's wedding photographs because of her size 22 frame has shed almost half her body weight.

Gillian Blackmore from Horseheath weighed 18st before losing almost 9st and hitting her target of 9st 4lb six months ago.

The 47-year-old decided to lose weight, in part, after being asked to walk down the aisle for her sister's

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wedding alongside three size 10 bridesmaids. Gillian said: "I thought that while I might have to be the oldest bridesmaid in town, I didn't want to be the widest.

"Out of the four bridesmaids, the other three were all size 10 whilst I was a size 22. I didn't want to be the fat one at the end and I didn't want to ruin my sister's wedding photo-



Life-changing: the new-look Gillian Blackmore, left, with Rosemary Conley. CP

graphs."

Another trigger for her decision to join her area's Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Club towards the end of 2009 was receiving the news from her doctor that she needed to take medication for high blood pressure.

She said: "My blood pressure was sky high and I was a heart attack waiting to happen."

By the time of the wedding in September 2010, Gillian, who has struggled all her life, was a size 10 – and since then she has lost even more weight and now slips into size eight clothes.

She said: "Since losing weight I have come off medication for my high blood pressure and find that being healthier makes everyday life much easier. When I was overweight I had no energy and it stopped me from doing things; now I'm training to run a marathon."

Gillian was handed a Rosemary Conley Diet and Fitness Magazine regional slimmer of the year 2012 award at the company's head office in Leicestershire in recognition of her achievement.

Rosemary Conley, who presented the award, said: "I am delighted to present Gillian with a regional slimmer of the year award."

"Gillian has achieved a superb weight loss and, as well as gaining a fantastic new figure, she has improved her health and fitness levels too."

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Equal rights: MEPs Richard Howitt and Michael Cashman. CP

MEP backs 'love' pledge

AN MEP has pledged his support for a campaign calling for an end to discrimination in marriage law in Britain.

Richard Howitt, who represents the East of England in the European Parliament, joined forces with Michael Cashman MEP, the former *EastEnders* star, to sign up to the Equal Love pledge. The campaign fights for equal marriage rights for all couples, regardless of their sexuality.

More than 2,000 people have signed the Equal Love petition which calls on the Government to end the bans on same-sex civil marriages

and civil partnerships between couples of opposite sexes.

Mr Howitt said: "The last Labour government went a long way in eliminating discrimination by bringing forward civil partnership legislation; we must now go further and push for equal marriage rights for all couples."

He added David Cameron had recently highlighted the UK's heritage as a Christian country and Mr Howitt said he hoped these principles of love and tolerance would be applied to every couple wanting to commit to one another.

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Prince's Trust

YOUNG people who completed a Prince's Trust personal development team building programme have received their certificates, signed by HRH the Prince of Wales.

They received their certificates at West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds during their final presentation celebration. Charlie Findon from Haverhill (pictured front row centre), was one of the successful achievers, along with others from Bury St Edmunds, Thetford and Sudbury.

During the 12-week course, the group took ownership of a community project, selecting Britannia House Supported Housing Association. They built a bike shed, decorated a games room and created some artwork on a



large wall to brighten up the courtyard for residents who have been homeless in Bury St Edmunds.

To raise money for tools and materials, students organised fundraising activities including a sponsored walk, hair-shave, bike ride,

baked bean bath and fancy dress events, raising £500.

The Prince's Trust Team programme helps to tackle youth unemployment nationally, giving unemployed 16- to 25-year-olds the skills and confidence to find a job.

London to Cape Town Rally

FRIENDS Rachel Vestey and Suzy Harvey were set to start the New Year by setting off on the epic challenge of rally driving from London to Cape Town in a 2001 Rover MG ZR 1600.

Covering 14,400km, the route passes through three continents and 13 countries, in aid of their chosen charity SOS Children.

Run by the Endurance Rally Association, the rally involves 44 cars in a race to the finish line. The contestants set off from London on New Year's Day and hope to arrive at their final destination in South Africa on January 29. With no support staff, translators or mechanics, the teams must rely on their own luck, resources and skills to reach Cape Town in the best time possible.

The route travels through countries including Italy, Egypt, Sudan and Zambia. Rachel, from Great Thurlow, anticipates the most difficult driving conditions to be in the desert of northern Kenya. She said: "I hope the little car makes it through. We have intentionally chosen a small car to make it even more challenging."

Rachel and Suzy took part in their first rally in 2010, driving a 1938 Plymouth. The Peking to Paris challenge covered an impressive 14,000km and the pair won the Ladies' Prize. They decided to take on an even bigger challenge to raise valuable funds to support the work of SOS Children, a Cambridge-based charity which provides a new home for orphaned and abandoned children.

Rachel said: "I have supported SOS Children in a small way for many years and thought that as it does a lot of work in the areas we will be travelling through, it is the perfect charity to support."

Halfway through the rally, Rachel and Suzy will visit an SOS Children's Village in Nairobi, to see first hand the difference the money they raise will make. The village has 16 family homes, where groups of orphaned and abandoned children are cared for by specially trained 'SOS mothers' until they reach independence.

Rachel said: "We are looking forward to visiting the village in Nairobi. Having seen photos and read about SOS Children's work in their newsletters, I have always wanted to see it for myself. It looks amazing."

Rachel and Suzy are keeping a blog about their journey at www.rachel-suzy.blogspot.com/. To support Rachel and Suzy, visit www.justgiving.com/Rachel-Suzy.

MEMORIES



■ THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a group of young sportsmen celebrating some kind of achievement.

Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?

Send your answers to: Memories, Haverhill Weekly News, 4 Queen Street, Haverhill, CB9 9EF by Tuesday morning, or email editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

Picture: 780188.

The Memories photograph in the Weekly News of December 22, from our archives, showed people in fancy dress at the Maltings Surgery in Haverhill.

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participation. Tickets are selling fast – give the box office a ring on 01440 714140 for availability.

We have two films next week. The first on Thursday January 12 at 7.45pm is *The Rum Diary* (15), adapted from Hunter S Thompson's novel, and from the director of *Withnail And I*, starring Johnny Depp and Aaron Eckhart. Fed up with New York, freelance journalist Paul

relocates to the Caribbean and starts working for a rundown newspaper.

The second film, *Anonymous* (12A), starring Vanessa Redgrave, Joely Richardson and Rhys Ifans is showing on Friday January 13 at 7.45pm. The film speculates on a question that has been debated for centuries: who was the author of the plays credited to William

Shakespeare? Packed with cloak-and-dagger political intrigue, illicit romances in the royal court and the schemes of greedy nobles, all exposed in the most unlikely of places: the London stage.

Dates for the diary include The Mersey Makers on Friday February 10, tribute band Kaiser Monkey Killers Saturday February 11 and *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* on Wednesday February 15.

■ For more details about the shows, or to book, phone (01440) 714140 or go to www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk.

Group puts new twist on New Year resolutions

Having fun: some members of the Suffolk Circle, who have decided to add fun to New Year resolutions.

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NEW Year resolutions to learn to Skype and miss the 10 o'clock news are among those made by members of an over-50s group.

Members of Suffolk Circle wanted to put some fun back into their resolutions, and so are pledging to stay out later, eat more with friends or learn a new skill.

Finbarr Carter, head of membership for Suffolk Circle, said: "Our members very much see Suffolk Circle as somewhere that puts a

little fun in their lives. By re-looking at New Year resolutions in a more positive light, we can make sure our lives are all more enjoyable than ever in 2012."

Suffolk Circle is a membership organisation for people aged over 50. Membership is £15 for six months or £30 for the year. More information is available from www.suffolkcircle.org.uk or by phoning 0800 112 3446.

Man denies sex assaults on boys

BY JO DEEKS

Email: editorial@haverhillweeklynews.co.uk

TWO young boys were victims of sexual assault and rape, a court has heard.

Benjamin Waldron, 37, is accused of committing 10 separate offences.

One boy told his mother and that led to the second boy being interviewed by police, Ipswich Crown Court was told.

Waldron, of Strawberry Fields, Haverhill, denies all the charges against him.

Charles Myatt, prosecuting, told the jury that Waldron began

offending against one boy in 2003 and that what had started as touching progressed on two occasions to rape.

Giving evidence via a TV link, the boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, told the court that he found the only way to get Waldron to stop was by starting to cry.

Mr Myatt said it was alleged that the second boy was also raped by Waldron in May 2009.

Waldron is accused of five offences of sexual assault on a male child, one of causing or inciting a child to engage in sexual behaviour, one of indecent assault and two of rape against one boy and one offence of rape against the second boy.

The court heard that after being arrested Waldron had strongly denied to police having done anything wrong.

He said that any touching of the boys had been accidental and inadvertent. None of the offences had occurred, he said.

■ The trial continues

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Deaths

COOPER. Ellen Aldridge Cooper, formerly of Linton, died peacefully in a nursing home at Southampton, on Wednesday, December 21st, 2011 in her 102nd year. Much loved mum and mum-in-law of Mary, Colin & Shirley, grandma to Tim, Jeremy & Emma & family and nanma of Susan, Adrian & families. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Linton on Thursday, December 29th, 2011 at 2.00pm, followed by interment in the cemetery. Family flowers only please but if wished donations for Age UK may be sent c/o HJ Paintin Ltd, 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge. CB21 4HS.

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Your New Year resolution... 'get involved'

MAYOR'S VIEW

by Cllr Maureen Byrne, mayor of Haverhill



LOOKING ahead at 2012, it would be easy to feel overwhelmed by feelings of hopelessness, particularly when we see on the television, or read in the press, stories about more bank collapses, rises in unemployment, shop closures, and benefit cuts.

As individuals it is hard to know what to do to change these things, yet there are ways, and often new growth can arise from the waste ground.

I took an interest in politics because I believed, and still believe, I could achieve positive change. I am proud to have been part of a generation that substantially improved the rights of women, gays, and ethnic minorities, and stopped debt as being a reason for imprisonment. I know I was not alone in my thinking; the retiring town clerk's teenage bookcase included a copy of the 1967 Shelter Report into Homelessness.

And yet where today are such believers? I know they exist – 10,000 of them signed a petition to reinstate the railway line to Cambridge, 4,000 of them signed the petition to retain Place Court in county council management, and as many joined the 2002 campaign to retain the Arts Centre.

During 2012 there will be greater opportunity for residents to get involved – in shaping the future development of the town, in designing a new High

Street, in determining how to spend £50,000 of arts and leisure funding, and in setting new priorities for action. Don't be the silent majority, don't let the few with vested interests make decisions for you. On the town council we have set out our four-year plan – come and tell us what you think about it, whether we're achieving our aims, whether we're doing what you want. Make your New Year resolution "be involved".

Working with partners, the town council delivered and supported its most ambitious arts and leisure programme ever in 2011. Much of the external funding that supported that programme has ceased, or been diverted by partners into other, or smaller, projects.

Rest assured, however, that the Arts Centre will continue to deliver a full and comprehensive programme of events, and that the town council's core outside events will be retained, indeed enhanced for 2012. Nick Keeble, the town council's arts and leisure manager, supported by Dylan Mills (technical officer), Ben Prickett (assistant technical officer) and a dedicated team of events

staff will once again deliver the ultimate customer experience.

We enter 2012 with a new town clerk, Will Austin, who will bring new ideas, and challenges, to the town council. Gordon Mussett is currently handing over the reins, before retiring (or so he thinks) having overseen the transformation of the council from its humble origins to an organisation with a turnover exceeding £1.2m, with a well-deserved reputation in Suffolk as well as nationally.

On behalf of the full town council, and our residents, we will always be extremely grateful to Gordon. He has made such a tremendous contribution to the many successes that we have achieved for our town. He is reliable, trustworthy and has the ability to empower us during very difficult times.

Personally, he has supported me in carrying out my duties as the current elected mayor and leader of the town council. Other colleagues have also been treated with the same respect and support. We all wish Gordon and his family all the very best for 2012.

Chance to back heart health campaign

HAVERHILL residents are being challenged to join in the British Heart Foundation's annual campaign to increase awareness of heart and circulatory disease and raise vital funds to save lives.

They can order their "Red for Heart" fundraising packs to plan their event for National Heart Month, which will take place in February.

Suggested fundraising ideas include dyeing your hair red and getting friends to sponsor you or holding a speed dating party on Valentine's Day. Fundraisers can also join thousands of people across Suffolk and the UK on National Wear Red Day – Friday

February 24 – by dressing up red for the day to raise vital funds.

Heart disease is an urgent problem in Suffolk, with one in three of all deaths from cardiovascular disease. Women are more than three times more likely to die of coronary heart disease than breast cancer.

Alex Mayer, British Heart Foundation manager for Suffolk, said: "Everyone knows someone who has suffered from heart disease or a heart attack. One fundraising event can make such a difference."

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Gifts galore: Natasha Lamb, left, and Hannah Yeldham hand over presents to senior charge nurse James Nicholas at Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge.
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Mum spreads cheer at hospital

TWO mothers who have spent past Christmases by their children's side in hospital delivered presents to those going through the same difficult time this year.

Nurses Natasha Lamb and Hannah Yeldham called on family, friends and the public to contribute gifts for parents and children at the

children's intensive care unit (ICU) at Addenbrooke's.

They popped down to the hospital to hand over the haul of goodies on Friday, December 23.

Mother-of-three Natasha, who lives in Rutland Court, Haverhill, and works at The Rosie, spent Christmas last year with her toddler daughter

Martha in the ICU as she battled swine flu.

The 35-year-old, who is also mum to Finley and Joseph, said: "It was such a hard, stressful time and we thought this year we wanted to give something back. It's useful stuff for parents and toys, colouring books and sweets for the children."

James Nicholas, the

senior charge nurse at the unit, thanked them for the gifts, which were given out on Christmas Day.

He said: "We are always trying to normalise things for the children as much as possible. So at this time of year that means having a tree and having Father Christmas going round handing out presents."

Leisure centre chips in as well

STAFF at Haverhill Leisure Centre also collected gifts to help cheer up children spending Christmas at Addenbrooke's. They launched their Giving Tree Appeal in November to collect Christmas gifts for children. A tree donated by staff was put up at the centre and visitors were invited to take a tag which indicated the age range and sex of the child they should buy a gift for. More than 40 presents were collected.

James Purkiss, centre manager, said: "We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously to our appeal."

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Shakespeare's a BIG celebrity in his village

A GIANT dog has proved such a hit in his new village that he was sent more Christmas cards than his owners.

Shakespeare, a fawn coloured great dane – who at 6ft 6in tall on his hind legs is in the running for Britain's biggest dog – has won his popularity by letting youngsters ride him like a horse.

Over the festive period the 17-stone 3-year-old received dozens of

Christmas cards, even though he only moved to Clare with his owners in September.

Owners Paul Clayton, 52, and his wife Linda, 61, have become known by villagers as "the couple with the big dog".

Paul said: "When I'm out with Shakespeare it's like taking a small pony for a walk. Everyone who sees him stops and points.

"Parents come and ask if their children can stroke him. Shakespeare has such a gentle temperament despite being so huge.

"We are known as the couple with the big dog by most people. Everyone knows Shakespeare."

The Great Dane



Adoption Society is a national charity which looks to re-home abandoned animals.

To find out more, visit www.danes.org.uk.

Big beast: Paul Clayton with Shakespeare and one of his many Christmas cards, above, and the great dane out for a walk with Linda.



New start for health trust

THE New Year starts a new era for mental health and wellbeing services in Suffolk and Norfolk, as the two counties' mental health trusts come together to form a new NHS Foundation Trust. On Tuesday, the trust board of directors celebrated the launch of the new Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust with visits to teams both sides of the border and an official cake-cutting.

The new trust is the result of a merger between Norfolk and Waveney Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust and Suffolk Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. It will cover an area stretching King's Lynn to Felixstowe and serve a population of some 1.5m people.

Chief executive Aidan Thomas said: "The merger of our two trusts gives us real opportunities to develop new services which we would not have been able to do if we had remained as two trusts. For example, we are looking at developing inpatient services for under-18s who currently have to travel out of the county for mental health hospital care. Our larger size means we could provide that service closer to young people's families."

New college term to start

PICK up a new skill this New Year by signing up for a college course. West Suffolk College is offering adult education leisure and learning courses in subjects from languages and accountancy to zumba. Its new term starts on Monday.

The Bury St Edmunds-based college has centres in locations including Haverhill and Mildenhall and its classes take place at venues around the area.

A brochure detailing the college's adult education options is available on the adult learners section of the college's website, and students enrolling online qualify for a five per cent reduction in course fees. See www.westsuffolk.ac.uk, pop into one of the college's centres or phone (01284) 716333 for a brochure.

Acorn man is centre patron

DR Hermann Hauser has become patron of the Haverhill-based Centre for Computing History.

The company he co-founded – Acorn Computers – invented the BBC Micro, which, along with the Sinclair ZX Spectrum, epitomised the British home computer boom of the early 1980s. The Centre for Computing History was established in 2006 to tell the story of the Information Age and is on course to move to Cambridge in the spring.

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Inspirational people who shared their stories with us

AS WE begin the new year, we take a look back at some of the inspirational accounts of courage shared with readers during 2011. Interviews by Alice Ryan, Louise Martin and Emma Higginbotham.

ITHOUGHT I had the worst hangover of my life – and it turned out to be morning sickness.” Claire Daniels, from Cambridge, who discovered she was pregnant after doctors told her there was a 99.9 per cent chance that she would never have children, following treatment for Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

“I wouldn’t wish this on anybody, yet I wouldn’t wish for a life without Andrew in it. Nothing changes the fact I’m still very proud to say this wonderful man is my husband.” Sarah King, from Linton, whose husband Andrew has early-onset Alzheimer’s and can no longer walk, talk or feed himself.

“Lots of people sent flowers saying ‘Sorry for

your loss’, but only one card mentioned the fact we’d had a baby. And only one person asked if we had any photos. Those two things meant so much to me: I didn’t want to act as if we hadn’t had a baby. Lily was still our child.” Alison Bruce, from Fordham, whose baby died inside her when she was six months pregnant.

“It felt like someone had got a huge sword and driven it right through me and into the mattress. The pain was indescribable: it was literally pinning me to the bed.” Mandy Hague, from Barrington, who had 22 cardiac arrests in just one night.

“Before she even went into hospital for the original operation she organised all the linen in the airing cupboard, putting labels on the bedding and towels: ‘bath towels’, ‘squash and cricket towels’. She was always thinking about everyone else.” Gerald Coteman, from Oakington, who has set

up The Elizabeth Coteman Fund to raise money and awareness about pancreatic cancer, in memory of his wife.

“It doesn’t matter how rich you are. Everybody knows you’re there through luck, hard work and determination.” Romany Gypsy Phoebe Buckley, from Little Downham, a professional eventer who regularly competes against Zara Philips at Burghley and Badminton Horse Trials.

“It’s an absolute miracle what he’s achieved, and I can only thank The Rosie. I seriously don’t think he would be here if it wasn’t for their genuine care and their expertise.” Sanchia Norris, from Fen Drayton, whose son Benn – born dangerously prematurely at just 24 weeks with multiple health problems – celebrated his first birthday in November.

“I am excited, but I have moments of panic as well. I can imagine



Heroes of 2011: Claire Daniels, Guy Llewellyn, Georgina Bullen, Jonas Zimnicki

letting a goal in – but I can imagine scoring too, which would be amazing.” Georgina Bullen, from Shepreth, whose visual impairment stopped her taking a GCSE in PE – yet she was selected for the UK Goalball squad and hopes to take part in the 2012 Paralympics.

“There are only two roads you can go down; there’s the dark ‘this is awful, I give up’ road, or the ‘here’s your lot, mate, get on with it, do the best you can’. And I knew which route I had to take.” Musician Guy Llewellyn, from Willingham, who became paralysed after breaking

his back in a fall.

“Even now my dad says to me ‘If we’d have known that you were going to have so many, I’m not sure we’d have still gone through with the original operation’. But you can’t live your life on ifs, buts and maybes. You just live with what you’ve got, and adapt.” Tom McKenzie, from Linton, who’s had 48 operations on his leg since surgeons battled to save it from amputation when he had bone cancer aged 6.

“It felt like I was walking through treacle, always being cloudy and then, every now and again,

you’d get this glimpse of sunshine. I forgot what normal was; everything was just such hard work.” Joy Martin, from Lode, who overcame chronic fatigue syndrome – and embarked on a 20,000-mile charity cycle ride across America.

“It was just the most awful thing I’ve ever seen. I honestly looked at her and thought ‘there must be some mistake, this isn’t Kelly-Ann’ – but it was.” Carol Challinor, from Exning, whose 9-year old daughter had her face crushed in a riding accident. Now 15, Kelly-Ann has made a full recovery.

“If I hadn’t got these hideous diseases, Save5 might never have been started – and that’s a terrible thought. I really wouldn’t change a thing.” T Sandeman-Charles, from Duddenhoe End, who suffers from two deadly lung diseases, yet crusades tirelessly to get people to join the organ donor register through her Save5 campaign.

“Losing any part of your body, like losing someone close to you, is a kind of bereavement. But there’s no point getting bitter about it: with the right kind of support, you can go out

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Stories: top, Mia Norman and her mum Sam, above left John Newton and right, Tom McKenzie

there and do whatever you want – anything is possible." Amputee Jonas Zimmicki, from Cambridge, who hopes to sprint for Britain in the 2012 Paralympics.

"Losing a child is one of the hardest things anyone can go through and even now, 10 years on, I have my bad days. But that's OK. I know I always will have bad days; it's what I achieve on my good days that counts." Marie Horrey, from Bluntisham, who lost her son Alex to cot death at 6 months old. She's now a keen fundraiser for FSID, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths.

"It was touch and go for at least the first 48 hours. My mum asked the nurses if they could take a picture, but I was too poorly even to have my photo taken." Ellen Brogan, from Aldreth, who was born prematurely. The 24-year-old completed a gruelling 16-peak challenge last year to raise money for premature baby charity Bliss.

"It's hard to explain what your mindset is, being told you've got cancer. But my doctor made me more positive; he said lots of people are scared of the word, but cancer's not the end of the world. A lot of people have it and

they're completely fine for the rest of their lives." Tom Dutton, from Whittlesford, who was diagnosed with testicular cancer at the age of 18.

"Yes, he has a strangeness about him, but I think that's quite lovely. And he's such a loving child. You know he's had a nice day if he takes your face in his hands and sort of squeezes your cheeks. I think it's his way of saying 'thank you'." Lina Davey, from Fulbourn, whose 7-year-old son Kaiden can't walk or talk, needs help to eat and drink and suffers violent seizures.

"We want her to know how proud we are of her and how brave she was. All little kids have a story, and this will be hers." Sam Norman, from Newmarket, whose 5-month-old daughter Mia had an operation to improve her cleft lip and palate in October.

"We're now at the 'what if?' stage of grieving. We wonder what Zoe would look like, what she'd be doing. "I don't think you ever stop grieving, but the grief changes. I can say her name now and smile; I can think about my little girl and feel happy." Wendy Slade, from Hardwick, whose daughter Zoe died of spinal muscular atrophy

aged 6 months, 13 years ago. Last year Wendy walked along China's Great Wall to raise money for Each, where Zoe died.

"This is just what I do. Day by day I just do whatever I can for them. I don't look for any recognition, I'm just a mum." Mother-of-three Julie Jones, from Huntingdon, who took on her best friend's six children when she died last year.

"We can't change what's happened, but we can be positive about where we go from here. Setting up Tom's Trust is a big part of that: it's something positive, and it's a lasting legacy to our precious little boy." Debbie Whiteley, from Fowlmere, whose 9-year-old son Tom died of a brain tumour. Tom's Trust is being set up to fund a full-time psychologist at Addenbrooke's, to support children with brain tumours and their families.

"Alcohol doesn't care what you do for a living or how nice a person you are. It's out to get you – out to kill you – and it doesn't matter whether you're a managing director or living on the streets." John Newton, from Cambridge, who turned his life around after years of alcohol addiction.

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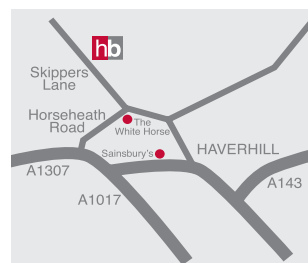
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JO DEEKS takes a glance at the headlines in Haverhill during 2011

January

FREEZING temperatures continued through Christmas and new year, and Linton Zoo was forced to close to the public for two weeks as zookeepers struggled to keep the animals warm. Pensioner Terence Turner was angry that ice footpaths near his home had not been cleared.

Haverhill Town Centre manager Tina Hanks had some good news, as figures showed that the town was bucking national trends for the number of empty shops and traders were considered well equipped to weather the storm of the economic downturn. The national rate for vacant shops was 13 per cent, compared to 5-10 per cent in Haverhill.

Haverhill's Crown Health Centre was rated as joint first in the country in a patient satisfaction survey, only 18 months after it opened.

Bonny baby Oliver Jones amazed his parents Joanne and Lee by arriving in the world with his two front teeth already in place. He weighed in at a healthy 7lbs 12oz and was an extra special arrival for the couple from Meeting Walk, Haverhill, who had struggled for four years to conceive.

February

controversy was rife over plans to open a 'free school' in Clare, with a Haverhill head teacher fearing there would not be enough students to go round to justify it opening. Madeleine Vigar, head of Castle Manor Business and Technology College, pointed out that her school and Samuel Ward Upper School were both rated as

'outstanding' by OFSTED and said: "We don't need a free school in Clare."

MP Matthew Hancock got business and community leaders together to discuss how Haverhill's development could be maintained in the face of public spending cuts. Replacing historic factory buildings on the Gurteen site and 1960s' buildings in Queens Square were among ideas which found favour at the meeting.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council announced plans to save about £36,000 a year by sharing its offices in Lower Downs Slade, Haverhill, with Suffolk County Council. Haverhill Citizens Advice Bureau and Haverhill Volunteer Centre would continue to be based at the offices, which would be renovated before county council staff move in September.

Staff at biotech firm Genzyme had an anxious wait to see if their jobs were secure after the company was sold. French giant Sanofi-Aventis agreed a £12.5m price for the company, which employs about 320 people at Rookwood Way, Haverhill.

March

PLANS were unveiled by developers to build 2,500 new homes over the next 10 years on land to the north east of Haverhill. Residents were invited along to an exhibition about the plan and many felt farm and woodland at the centre of the site should be preserved and even turned into a tourist attraction.



Super slimmer Sam Last shed 6 stones after battling with her weight for most of her life. Sam, 24, of Pipers Close, Haverhill, was enjoying having more energy to play with lively 2-year-old son Oliver.

Objections continued to plans to ban traffic from Haverhill High Street, with a public inquiry thought likely to resolve the issue which has been under discussion for more than 20 years.

Meanwhile, a shoppers' survey showed people thought big names like Primark and Marks & Spencer could revive Haverhill's shopping centre. The survey was part of Haverhill Town Council's bid to curb the number of shoppers travelling to Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds.

April

PARALYSED mum Toni Cant pleaded with local authorities to re-house her. Toni broke her neck in a horrific car crash in 2010, but was still in a cramped two-storey home and her five-year-old daughter Scarlett had to live with her grandmother on the other side of town.

Planners were urged to 'allow Haverhill to move forward' and approve revised plans for a retail park on the former Project office Furniture site in Ehringshausen Way. Previous plans had been turned down because of fears that the plan could be detrimental to trade in the town centre.

A home in Strasbourg Square, Haverhill, was boarded up and the tenants kicked out for blighting the neighbourhood with their bad



Young stars: Daniel Bell completed a 20-hour broadcasting marathon and, far left, astonishment for one Samuel Ward pupils as she gets her exam results.

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First step: Father Michael Teader, below, during the ceremony to mark the start of construction on the St Felix Roman Catholic Church.

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behaviour. Police successfully applied for an order under the 2003 Anti-Social Behaviour Act.

Young broadcaster Daniel Bell, 14, completed a 20-hour marathon in a bid to raise attention to the need for the town to have an FM radio station of its own. The Linton Village College student broadcast from a tent in the back garden of his home at Copsall Farm bungalow, outside Haverhill.

May

MOTHER-of-three Michelle Nobbs of Jay Close, Haverhill, spoke of her special bond with sister in law Lesley Alborn, who donated a kidney to help her lead a normal life. Michelle, 43, was suffering from serious kidney disease and believes the transplant saved her life.

Newly-elected Haverhill town mayor Maureen Byrne pledged to raise money for Macmillan nurses after winning her own battle against breast cancer. The 69-year-old trade unionist was the only Labour member of the town council, but received support from all other parties.

Work began on the new St Felix Roman Catholic Church in Wentworth Terrace, Haverhill, with Father Michael Teader carrying out a groundbreaking ceremony. The church had raised about £500,000 of the £1m cost of the new building, to replace the existing one which is too small for its growing congregation.

Twins born with only a 50 per cent chance of survival were described as 'little miracles' by their mother.

Louise Khan, 35, and husband Faizel, 31, from Rutland Court, Haverhill, endured an anxious for daughters Lerato and Layla to arrive, due to complications caused by them growing within the same amniotic sac.

June

THE end of the road arrived for bus company Burtons, which went into administration after more than 60 years, leaving 50 workers fearing for their employment. Stephenson's Essex took over the firm and some staff kept their jobs.

Police got tough with drivers flouting parking restrictions in the High Street, with 20 tickets issued in a single morning. The blitz was in response to pleas by shops and residents, who were fed up with cars parked on double yellow lines.

Pupils moved into their new £5.1m Clements Primary School, which replaces the old one in Clarendon Road. The school's roll expanded from 195 to 225 pupils, as part of the changes from a three-tier to a two-tier education system across Suffolk.

Mick Pilling, 58, got on his bike to ride 300 miles from London to Paris to raise £1,800 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Former cancer patient Mick lost his mother, father and twin brother to the disease and wanted to raise cash for the help his family had received from Macmillan.

July

CROWDS flocked to the Haverhill Show on the town's Recreation Ground, which has been raising money for almost

40 years for LAMPH, the Haverhill-based charity for adults and children with disabilities.

Resident Laurie Gott accused the authorities of ignoring Haverhill's needs after waiting more than an hour for an ambulance to arrive, while his friend struggled to breathe. Laurie said he was 'disturbed' that an ambulance had to travel 40 miles from Huntingdon to treat 64-year-old Tony Mann.

A group of eight children on the Parkway estate were rewarded for saving police officers' blushes by retrieving a set of car keys dropped during a chase. The youngsters, aged from 5 to 11, aided by Pebbles the dog, received certificates and goodie bags from Haverhill Police for their efforts.

Residents had to evacuate their homes after toxic fumes were released into the air when powder spilled from a tanker at International Flavours and Fragrances in Duddery Hill. Firemen wearing protective clothing dealt with the spillage and residents on the Chalkstone estate, Roman Way and Wilsey estate were urged to stay indoors and keep their windows shut.

August

TOWN pastors hit the streets for the first time, offering a support service for late-night drinkers in the town. Churches from across Haverhill and the surrounding district set up the scheme to make regular patrols on Friday evenings.

RSPCA workers reported their worst ever level of dumped kittens, leaving their



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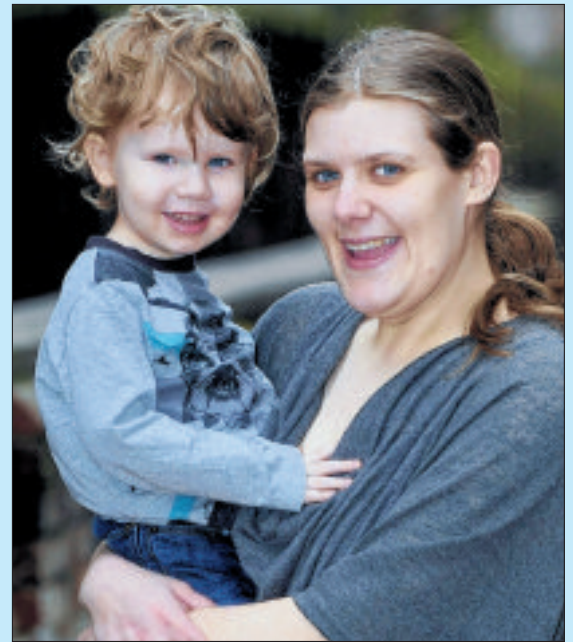
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who made the news



Lifesaver:
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above
right,
received a
kidney from
sister in law
Lesley Alborn
in May.

Open wide:
Oliver Jones
arrives in the
world with two
front teeth, left.



A weight off: super slimmer Sam Last, with son Oliver, celebrated in March after shedding six stones. Left, 'miracle' twin daughters Lerato and Layla survived despite birth complications.

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centre close to breaking point. Instead of seeing a few cats each month, a staggering 40 animals were being cared for, some only a few days old.

Extra police patrols were mounted in Haverhill as a precaution against disorder, following riots and looting in London and elsewhere.

Mums called for urgent action after three children were injured on play equipment in less than 24 hours. Eight-year-old Ben Harding was left with blood pouring from his face after the gate at a playground in Chapelwint Road swung back and hit him.

September

PUPILS at Samuel Ward Academy and Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College celebrated record-breaking exam results in their A levels and GCSEs.

Axed youth services were blamed for a rise in anti-social behaviour in Haverhill. At the first meeting of the new One Haverhill group, Suffolk County Council was slammed by town mayor Maureen Byrne for closing the town's youth club and making two youth workers redundant.

Friends spoke of their shock and sadness at news that former Haverhill man David Tebbutt had been killed in Kenya. Mr Tebbutt, 58, who grew up in Haverhill, was killed at an exclusive beachfront resort and his social worker wife Judith was kidnapped by his attackers.

Renewed calls for safety measures on the A1307 were made following a crash which claimed the lives of Joshua Bysouth, 13, and his grandfather Michael Kidd, both from Saffron Walden.

October

ANGRY residents packed a town council meeting to voice their opposition to plans to build 91 homes on the former Haverhill Rovers Football ground off Hamlet Road. They feared the Bloor Homes plan would add to traffic congestion and parking problems in Hamlet Road.

Education Minister Michael Gove visited Haverhill schools, following an announcement that disadvantaged pupils in West Suffolk were to receive extra money. Place Farm and Clements primary schools, as well as Castle Manor upper school, were to receive part of the £500,000 allocation for west Suffolk.

A familiar face returned to the beat in the town, as former Kedington and north Haverhill beat officer Peter Ferrie took over as Haverhill's new sector commander. Insp Ferrie spoke of his plans for Safer Neighbourhood Teams and response offices to work more closely together to make the town a safer place.

Hundreds of mourners packed the parish church for the funeral of Daniel Boyle, 24, of Elm Close, Haverhill, who died while working as a steel erector in Bristol.

November

FOOTBALLER Joe Daly, 23, faced an agonising one-and-a-half-hour wait for an ambulance after badly breaking his leg during a match. Joe was playing for the Rose and Crown team at Motts Field, Haverhill, when his studs caught in the ground, causing a spiral fracture to his leg.

Mum Natasha Lamb launched an appeal to buy gifts for families stuck in Addenbrooke's Hospital over Christmas. Mrs Lamb, 36, of Rutland Court, Haverhill, spent

last Christmas at the hospital watching her baby daughter Martha, now 19 months, battling swine flu.

Haverhill's paralympic athlete Caroline Maclean led celebrations of the news that the Olympic torch will visit the town this year. Caroline, 36, who has competed in the wheelchair basketball team at three Paralympic Games, was joined by town mayor Maureen Byrne and others to celebrate the news.

Single mum Laura Turner told how a gastric bypass operation had helped her lose 14 stones. Laura, 31, who lives in Bellings Road, Haverhill, believes the operation saved her life.

December

PLANS for a huge research park development which could create up to 1,000 jobs were approved by planners. Carisbrooke Investments plans to use the 30-acre gateway site to create a research park, a 60-bed hotel, pub and crèche, and 150 houses.

New town clerk Will Austin moved from Devon to take up his role, but will work alongside retiring clerk Gordon Mussett for up to three months. Mr Mussett has been Haverhill town clerk for the past 11 years.

Residents hit out at Suffolk County Council's plans to privatise Place Court residential home in Camps Road, despite a petition signed by more than 4,000 residents opposing it. More anger followed news that the Crown Health Centre is to close, despite having more than 22,000 visits since it opened.

The year ended with celebrations at the news that Haverhill has won its bid to become one of only 10 areas across the country to pilot a new community budget scheme aimed to cut red tape and save money.

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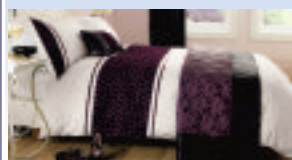


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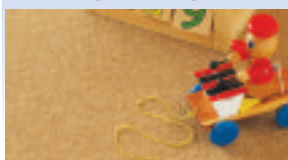
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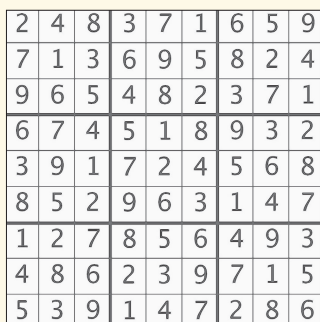
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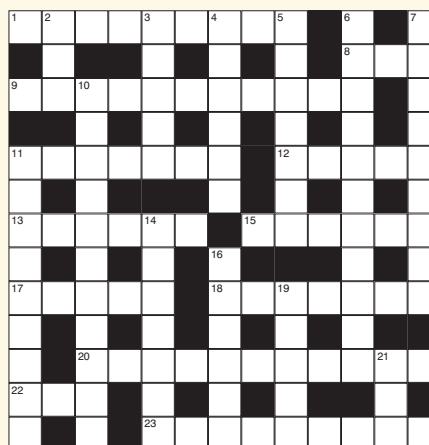
Cryptic clues

Across

1. Engulf bird in the air (7,2)
 8. Vehicle in precarious position (3)
 9. Mark on letter spoken of in sepulchral tones? (5,6)
 11. Could its odour make worshippers angry? (7)
 12. Eat away part of the rod, evidently (5)
 13. Party leader could be nicer to royal person (6)
 15. Be there for a teetotal finish... (6)
 17. ...because offence takes only a half cent (5)
 18. Because she's cold? (7)
 20. Change heading in menu? (5,6)
 22. There's nothing in this selection I like (3)
 23. The elders gave protection (9)

Down

2. Green is up to open hostility (3)
 3. What late riser has, that is with 22 getting up around! (3-2)
 4. Evil – like a candle? (6)
 5. Tense gift (7)
 6. Be in the same cast and



- work in harmony (3,8)
 7. For one who makes spurious claims, rep is oddly affectionate (9)
 10. Where lots will get knocked down (7,4)
 11. Incidentally, when

- overtaking... (2,7)
 14. ...makes something new of set race (7)
 16. Make somebody pay for the attack (6)
 19. Concerning a sailor abroad (5)

21. Observe what the bishop is responsible for (3)

Quick clues

Across

1. Accused (9)
 8. Poem (3)
 9. Drying up (11)
 11. Picture (7)
 12. Dagger (5)
 13. Disquiet (6)
 15. Flag (6)
 17. Seat (5)
 18. Stern (7)
 20. Intolerantly (11)
 22. Self (3)
 23. Reckless (9)

Down

2. Before (3)
 3. Elbow (5)
 4. Alarm bell (6)
 5. Sparkle (7)
 6. Delivery (11)
 7. Retribution (9)
 10. Winter sleep (11)
 11. Shortened (9)
 14. Streaked (7)
 16. Beam (6)
 19. Alacrity (5)
 21. Garland (3)

Solution from December 22 – Cryptic clues across: 1 Rifle; 4 Cheques; 8 Chasers; 9 Drill; 10 Posy; 11 Down to it; 13 Grip; 14 Seam; 16 Notaries; 17 Apse; 20 Owing; 21 Special; 22 Magenta; 23 Sprag. **Down:** 1 Reception room; 2 Flaws; 3 Ewes; 4 Castor; 5 Endanger; 6 Uniform; 7 Salute the flag; 12 Nitrogen; 13 Getting; 15 Red Sea; 18 Prior; 19 Less. **Quick clues across:** 1 Upper; 4 Contend; 8 Curtail; 9 Irons; 10 Null; 11 Donation; 13 Beer; 14 Scan; 16 Renounce; 17 Wide; 20 Beast; 21 Elegant; 22 Echelon; 23 Dread. **Down:** 1 Unconquerable; 2 Peril; 3 Real; 4 Callow; 5 Nuisance; 6 Emotion; 7 Disinterested; 12 Rebuttal; 13 Beneath; 15 Screen; 18 Inane; 19 Head.

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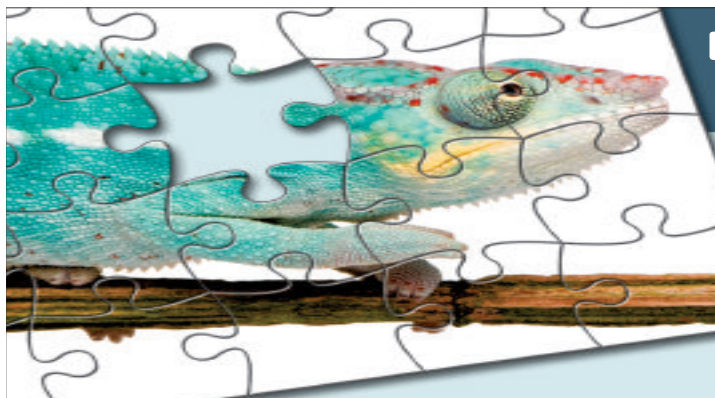
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Heading for the borders

IF your borders lack colour, texture and depth, then it's an ideal time to plan a new one to give you all-year-round colour, beautifully matched plants and a few surprises along the way.

Don't be afraid to copy others' ideas. You may need to visit a National Trust garden or simply look for inspiration closer to home, seeking out ideas by peeking into neighbouring gardens or simply asking keen gardening friends how they achieved a particular effect which you want to replicate.

Take a camera and notebook with you so that you can take pictures of particular scenes, so you don't just rely on your memory.

Alternatively, cut out pictures from magazines and cover them with tracing paper, drawing on the key plant shapes you like. You may not be able to use exactly the same plants that you have admired in a magazine, but it will give you an idea of what works shape and height-wise.

When planning, ensure that the border provides year-round interest, not just a mass of blooms in summer which leaves the area looking dull and boring in winter.

Brighten up spring with bulbs and make use of evergreens and shrubs with coloured bark or berries in autumn and winter to prolong interest and keep a shape to the border.



by Hannah Stephenson

While summer can be a riot of colour, trees and shrubs provide a framework to the border, some structure on which to build seasonal displays. They can also be used individually to create a particular effect such as a focal point.

Of course, the first consideration is your soil – is it acid or alkaline, is your aspect light or shady, is the ground dry or moist? Again, consider plants which have done well in your neighbours' gardens because they are also likely to do well in yours.

If you want a tree or shrub to add height to a border, use a tripod of canes which can be moved around to give you an idea of where the new addition will fit in best and when choosing a tree, consider its rate of growth and ultimate size. You don't want it dominating the border and casting shade over some of your more colourful sun-lovers later in the season.

Try to keep the planting design simple, choosing perhaps large

interlocking drifts of plants rather than a mismatched smorgasbord of a lot of little plants which you've bought on a whim but which don't really complement each other.

Consider a themed border for compatible plants, such as a Mediterranean border, or a border with one type of plant such as herbs, which can be intermingled successfully.

Think about repetition in your border as using a particular plant repeatedly makes a particularly showy plant stand out and also helps merge a diverse display.

Alliums, with their stunning lollipop-shaped clusters of flowers, can provide a showy display repeated at points along a border, but any repetition will help give the border more visual uniformity.

If you haven't particularly thought about colour, do so now, and use a colour wheel to judge which colours go best together.

Do you want a sizzling clash for a dramatic, hot effect, or a softer palette of colours closer in shades such as pinks and mauves, which will merge together beautifully in the border?

Use a few large, architectural plants such as phormiums or fatsias to create a dramatic effect, rather than lots of fussy, small plants. Position plants, still in their pots, so you can stand back and view the effect from several angles and move them if you need to.



GAINING THE EDGE: A few large architectural plants can create a dramatic effect.

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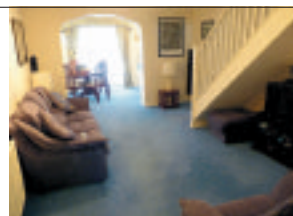


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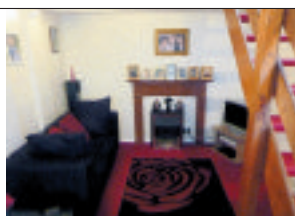


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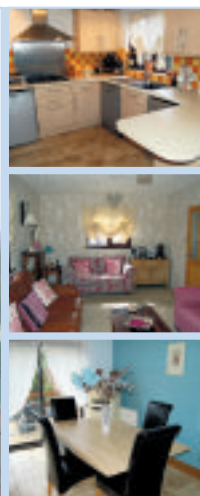
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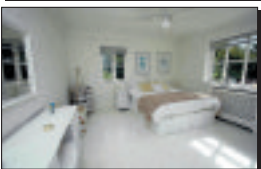


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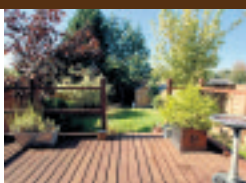


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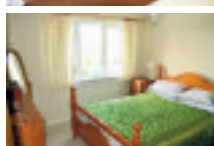


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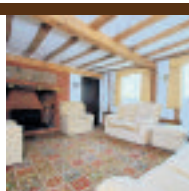


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Spacious and attractive home



at a glance

- On the market for £240,000
- Smartly presented throughout
- Four bedrooms
- En suite
- Garden and parking

cover property

THIS stylishly decorated home in Tiberius Close, Haverhill, would be ideal for a young family.

On the market for £240,000, the property has been extended to provide spacious and attractive accommodation.

This includes a hallway and cloakroom, family room, kitchen, living room, separate dining room, first-floor master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom.

Outside, the front garden is enclosed and provides ample off-street parking, while a further lawned and decked garden is situated at the back of the house. This also contains a fish pond and garden shed.

Contact Abbotts on (01440) 702575.




ON the market for £154,995, this terraced house offers attractive, modern accommodation in a well-regarded town location.

The property stands in Brybank Road, on the Hanchett Village development in Haverhill and comes with an entrance hall, living room, conservatory, kitchen, cloakroom, master bedroom with en suite, two further bedrooms and a bathroom.

There is a small front garden plus a larger lawn at the back, while a garage and driveway provide ample parking.

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Haverhill £695

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Haverhill £650

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Haverhill **£200,000**
An extremely well located four bedroom detached home, situated at the end of a popular cul de sac, offering fitted kitchen, two reception rooms, a private and generous south facing garden, and single garage and driveway.

NEW



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A generous detached bungalow situated in the peaceful village of Hundon, benefiting from four bedrooms, two reception rooms, good sized gardens, single garage and driveway. 104 sq.m. (1119 sq.ft.) net.



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£625,000

An individual detached family home, set in a plot of 1.35 acres, and enjoying panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. The property benefits from four bedrooms, three reception rooms, double garage, outdoor swimming pool, and extensive, well-maintained, mature gardens.



Haverhill
£375,000

A wonderful single storey barn conversion in a peaceful setting with many fine attributes including vaulted ceilings, spacious and flexible living accommodation, ample parking and quadruple cartlodge. An additional nine acres of land is available to rent by separate negotiation.



Haverhill
£239,950

An attractive four bedroom detached house nicely situated on The Croft development. The property benefits from en suites to two bedrooms, three reception rooms and an attractive fitted kitchen with integrated appliances.

Single garage and driveway
 Landscaped rear garden
 Cambridge side of town



Haverhill
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An extremely well proportioned three storey town house located on the new Hanchett Rise development. The property has a practical layout and benefits from a spacious master bedroom with en-suite shower room, study, and garage with allocated parking.

Four Bedrooms
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 En-suite Shower Room
 Garage & Driveway
 Cambridge Side Of Town



Haverhill
£167,000

An exceptionally well presented three bedroom property situated on the well regarded Meadowlands development. The property benefits from spacious living accommodation, a kitchen/dining room, en-suite facilities and allocated parking. 71 sq.m. (764 sq.ft.) net.



Haverhill
£155,000

A well presented two bedroom semi-detached bungalow, benefitting from the addition of a conservatory. The property has been redecorated throughout and also has the advantage of a single garage. 57 sq.m. (613 sq.ft.) net.

Two bedrooms
 Sitting room
 Fitted kitchen
 Conservatory
 Double glazing

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Morris Armitage**HAVERHILL £154,950****NEW**

A recently modernised family home located on the popular Parkway development. Accommodation to include lounge/diner, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, en-suite to master and a family bathroom. To the front of the property is off road parking for 2 vehicles and a small garden with hedge around. To the rear is an un-overlooked fully enclosed garden which is mainly laid to lawn with 2 patio areas. Viewing is strongly recommended.

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A fully furnished and equipped two bedroom top floor apartment available to rent from mid February. Viewing is recommended.

KEDINGTON £700 PCM

An opportunity to rent this 2 bed link detached bungalow in the popular village location of Kedington. Gardens, garage and parking.

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Cambridge Saab will stay 'Saab specialist'

CAMBRIDGE SAAB general manager James Howarth has pledged to continue as a "Saab specialist" following the news that Saab has been filed for bankruptcy in

Sweden, writes *Mike Scialom*.

The Swedish firm has been in difficulties for some time but Howarth was at pains to point out that Saab GB is still functioning.

"Saab Great Britain, with whom we have our contract, are still in

'administration' only," Howarth says of the current situation, "and are therefore technically still functioning."

The Harston-based showroom remains open for business and is expected to honour all existing warranty and servicing agreements. It is also believed that the dealership will continue to sell new Saabs (while stocks last): used Saab sales are expected to continue uninterrupted.

Howarth expressed sorrow about the developments in Sweden but added: "We can at least now move on, initially setting our stall out

to remain very much as a 'Saab specialist' if we cannot be the 'Saab dealer'."

It is understood that Cambridge Saab's owners, Trumpington-based Buckingham & Stanley, are looking to add a new franchise to sit alongside the Chevrolet dealership which opened its doors earlier this year in Trumpington.

It is still possible that Saab will find a buyer, but if the plan fails it will be the end of the road for the ambitious plans for 2012 which the Swedish firm had put in place since being taken over by Dutch car maker Spyker a year ago.



Cambridge Saab: Set to remain a Saab specialist.

Jeep prices the high-performing Grand Cherokee SRT8 and Overland Summit

JUST five months after the successful launch in the UK of the internationally acclaimed new Grand Cherokee 4x4, Jeep has announced pricing of the eagerly awaited high performance SRT8 and premium Overland Summit versions.

The best-performing Jeep ever, the exciting new Grand Cherokee SRT8 (Street and Racing Technology – the sports arm of Chrysler Group) offers a unique blend of legendary capability and utility, head-turning SRT performance and an impressive suite of advanced technologies. The SRT8 can accelerate to 60mph in 4.8 seconds, has a top speed of 160mph, and brakes from 60-0mph in just 116 feet.

Powering the 2012



Inside: Distinctive from every point of view.

Grand Cherokee SRT8 is Chrysler Group's awe-inspiring new 6,424cc HEMI V8 with Fuel Saver Technology that delivers 470bhp and 465lb ft of torque – an improvement of 50bhp and 45lb ft torque over the 6.1-litre HEMI V8 it replaces. At £58,995, the 2012 SRT8 is the ultimate performance SUV and slots perfectly into the line-up as the premium sports performance version of this

celebrated brand's flagship Grand Cherokee model. The New Overland Summit, meanwhile, elevates Grand Cherokee to new levels of luxury and refinement in the premium sport-utility vehicle sector. It is priced at £44,795.

Powered by a 237bhp, 2,987cc V6 CRD diesel engine, the Overland Summit's real wood and distinctive polished trim surround

passengers with the highest levels of craftsmanship. Wood trim is used on the leather-wrapped, heated steering wheel.

The Grand Cherokee Overland Summit boasts a black lower and saddle upper interior trim colour, along with saddle-coloured Nappa heated and ventilated leather seats and Berber floor mats with black and chestnut accent binding.

Among the huge list of standard equipment on the Overland Summit is the Advanced Warning System and Adaptive Cruise Control group, which consists of Adaptive Cruise Control, Forward Collision Warning, Blind Spot Monitoring and Rear Cross-path detection systems.

To find your motor go to www.haverhillweeklynews.co.uk/drive

Honda makes cars that are most resilient to damage by potholes

HONDA cars are the most resilient to pothole damage, saving drivers hundreds of pounds in repairs each year, according to new research by Potholes.co.uk.

The road maintenance campaign website, set up by the UK's leading warranty provider Warranty Direct, analysed tens of thousands of policies to reveal the cars most and least susceptible to the nation's biggest bugbear – potholes. This winter, UK roads are set to become the worst “in a generation”.

After Honda, the most “pothole-proof” manufacturers are Toyota and Hyundai, with less than 2 per cent of their cars suffering axle and suspension damage attributable to potholes and other road defects.

Conversely, Chrysler, Mercedes-Benz and Land Rover models are the most likely to be defeated by the UK's pothole-riddled roads, with more than 10 per cent suffering damage each year.

While the average payout for pothole-induced suspension damage is £309,



Extremely well built: The Toyota Yaris.

Warranty Direct and Potholes.co.uk have identified recent claims as high as £2,420.

Duncan McClure Fisher, of Warranty Direct, said: “With last year's road damage barely dealt with, a repeat of those harsh winter weather conditions could see our highways deteriorate to the worst state they've been in for a generation.

“As councils struggle to solve the pothole problem, consumers can at least be smart about their vehicle of choice. We've found some cars

have an uncanny ability to absorb the jolts from even the most severe road craters, while others aren't so resilient.

“Particularly surprising is that high-end manufacturers are just as vulnerable, if not more so, than ‘value’ manufacturers. However, we wouldn't lambast those at the bottom of the pile because the roads are just so bad.”

Anyone can report a road defect and share their story using Potholes.co.uk, which has contact details for councils across England, Scotland and Wales.



The Honda Jazz: Part of a successful pothole-beating range.

TOP 10 MOST RESILIENT MANUFACTURERS		TOP 10 LEAST RESILIENT MANUFACTURERS	
(Chance of pothole induced suspension damage in an average year)			
Make	Incident rate	Make	Incident rate
1. HONDA	1.4%	5. KIA	2.1%
2. TOYOTA	1.5%	6. MITSUBISHI	2.2%
3. HYUNDAI	1.7%	7. MINI	3.0%
4. NISSAN	2.0%	8. SUZUKI	3.1%
		9. FORD	3.4%
		10. MAZDA	3.4%
		6. SAAB	8.5%
		7. FIAT	7.4%
		8. BMW	6.8%
		9. SEAT	6.6%
		10. VAUXHALL	6.4%



Production line progress: The Kia Ray EV is built alongside gasoline models – a world first.

The Kia Ray EV is Korea's first electric vehicle

KIA has introduced Korea's first electric vehicle – the Kia Ray EV, a zero-emissions city car with lively performance and a range of up to 86 miles on a single charge.

The Kia Ray EV is a close relative of Kia's 1.0-litre gasoline powered Ray CUV, which went on sale in Korea last month. It shares that model's major dimensions and, in a global first for an EV manufacturer, can share a production line

with the gasoline models.

The front-wheel drive Ray EV is powered by a 50kW electric motor and a high-capacity 16.4 kWh lithium ion polymer battery pack that is engineered for a 10-year life cycle and skilfully packaged under the rear seat and cabin floor.

Although the Ray EV weighs 187kg more than the gasoline model, the electric motor's generous torque – 167 Nm (an increase of 77 per cent) –

ensures responsive performance. The EV's acceleration is brisker than the gasoline models (0-60mph in 15.9 seconds), while top speed is 81mph. Recharging times are six hours using a 220V household supply and 25 minutes in fast-charge mode.

The Ray EV's automatic transmission offers the driver a choice of two modes while in 'D' drive. 'E' (or 'eco') mode delivers minimum battery

consumption and maximum range. 'B' (or 'brake') mode can be selected when driving downhill on highways and on mountain roads to maximise braking power.

Unlike regular gasoline vehicles, Ray EV generates no engine noise, which can be a potential problem with pedestrians being unaware of the approaching car. To prevent accidents, Kia has fitted Ray EV with a VESS (Virtual Engine Sound

System). When driven at less than 12mph VESS delivers a mix of recorded gasoline engine noises, which are also emitted when the car is backing up.

Japan and the US are already considering the introduction of a legal requirement for EVs to have a virtual engine sound, and Kia has taken the first step to commercialise this system in order to anticipate the global industry's trend.



The Toyota Hilux: Renowned.

Hilux is top pick-up

THE Toyota Hilux has received another accolade, taking top honours in the pick-up category of the Total 4x4 awards.

Renowned for its rugged go-anywhere performance, Hilux was the first car to be driven to both the South and Magnetic North Poles and has been tested in the world's most extreme environments.

Today's sixth generation of Toyota's pick-up combines robustness and load-carrying capacity with comfort, safety and equipment features to ably bridge the divide between work and everyday driving needs.

Alan Kidd, editor of Total 4x4 magazine, said: “Hilux has always stood out in what is a very fiercely fought category. It's incredibly capable in every area.”

Renault Twingo is recreated by stars

TO promote the New Twingo, Renault has enlisted the combined creative talents of four European artists, including Nicola Roberts from Girls Aloud, to create a series of bespoke city cars.

New Twingo has been designed to fuse the best of the values which made original Twingo such a success, with the innovation and cutting-edge modernity of Renault today.

With a fresh, exciting and fun design in tune with its times, New Twingo gains a softer, cheerful front end, reflecting the mischievous spirit that made the first version of the car such a

roaring success, not forgetting the new Renault visual identity.

In keeping with its inimitable style, Renault offered four ‘artists’ of varying nationality and cultural discipline – fashion, music, design and cooking – the opportunity to express their vision of a ‘Cabinet of Curiosity’ by creating their own bespoke Twingo interior.

The line-up features Nicola Roberts; French fashion designer Jean-Charles de Castelbajac; Italian chef Davide Scabin and German designer, Nils Holger Moormann, who finds new uses for everyday objects.



Nicola Roberts: Girls Aloud star is a fan of the Renault Twingo.

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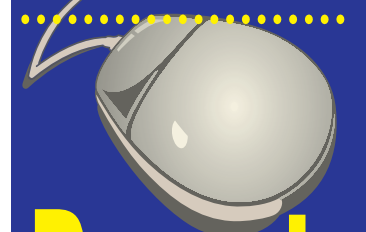
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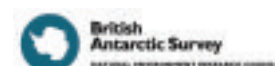
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>> Football

Tokley takes on Rovers' top job

MICHAEL Tokley has been appointed the new chairman of Haverhill Rovers.

The decision was made following an extraordinary general meeting after Rovers' 5-3 win over CRC in the Ridgeons League, Premier Division on Monday.

Tokley was the volunteer co-ordinator at the club and agreed to step in as chairman after Steve Brown's surprise resignation at the end of last year following seven years at the helm.

Haverhill Rovers 5 CRC 3

Ridgeons League, Premier Division

A STUNNING first-half performance earned Haverhill Rovers a valuable three points from their Bank Holiday Monday clash at the New Croft.

Jack Wilkinson put Rovers ahead after just four minutes, reacting first after Craig Calver's effort rebounded off an upright, and then doubled the advantage seven minutes later when his swerving corner was deflected past keeper Alex Salano.

Stuart Wardley headed just over from another corner on 28 minutes but then Calver lit up the afternoon with the third goal, an outrageous 40-yard lob.

Soon after Dan Cornwell headed home Calver's corner to give the home side a 4-0 lead which CRC managed to reduce with a disputed penalty in first-half stoppage time.

CRC took control after the break, eventually making the most of their chances to make it 4-2.

However, Cornwell made the points safe in the 76th minute, appearing unmarked to tuck away a Wilkinson free kick, although CRC managed to add a third.

Newmarket Town 0 Haverhill Rovers 0

Ridgeons League, Premier Division

HAVERHILL keeper Luke Howard ensured that Rovers gained a point in the Boxing Day clash against neighbours Newmarket Town.

With just three minutes left, Jason Lynch soared at the far post and powered a header which looked as if it would seal all the points for the strugglers.

However, Howard, on his return from injury, flung himself to his right and clawed the goalbound header away from the gaping net.

Rovers had started well, and had the majority of possession in the first half without creating any clear chances, their best effort being an



Heads I win: Dan Cornwell rises to score for Rovers in the Bank Holiday Monday win against CRC
Picture: Gary Brown (CP)

early Louis Harper free kick which Kevin Bugg tipped over, while Greg Strong just failed to connect with Dan Cornwell's cross.

Rovers are at Stanway on Saturday and then travel to Mildenhall for the Suffolk Premier Cup, quarter-final on Tuesday.

Haverhill Rovers res 5 Sudbury Tn res 2

Ridgeons Reserve League, South Division

HAVERHILL reserves survived a second-half comeback to pick up the points.

Fielding a strong side containing a number of first team squad players

returning from injury, Rovers dominated the first half, scoring three unanswered goals from Jamie Challis, Sam Holmes and Scott Lodge.

Ten minutes into the second half Ryan Weaver made it 4-0, a goal which finally drew a response from Sudbury.

Former Rovers winger Ryan Kent pulled one back on 71 minutes and then added a penalty four minutes later. Soon after, Scott Hunt hit the post, but as Sudbury pushed forward they were caught on the break, Scott Lodge beating two defenders before firing home.

>> Golf

England out on top

STEVE Ward and Lyn Fish topped the individual points scores in the international match between teams representing England and Scotland at Couplars Road.

An impressive field of 84 players took to the course for the event, which was played as an individual stableford, with points awarded within each four ball for a win to give an overall team score.

The winners were England, while Ward totalled 43 points and Fish 31.

Denise Walker won the first of the nine-hole winter stableford competitions, pipping Gill Richardson on countback after both scored 16 points. Gill Edwards was third with 14.

Two 10-hole competitions were staged before the seniors' annual meeting and presentations.

Details - Front 10 winners Paul Wallace, Gill Richardson, John Fox and Geoff Dorkins; runners-up: Ray Kings, Jo Stokes, Alan Carter and Keith McCallum. Back 10 winners: Brian Harney, Dave Parsons, Denise Walker and Dennis Harkness; runners-up: Julie Sherry, Mick Couzins, Roger Metcalf and Derek Hill.

Trophies were presented by seniors' captain Mick Couzins and Keith McCallum.

Honours went to: - Summer League trophy: Bob Hammett. George Baker Trophy: Alastair Cocks. Winter pairs: Laurie Drysdale and Peter Owen.

■ Dan Wilkins won the IFF Challenge after shooting a superb nett 63, a score which has reduced his handicap by two to 13.

Details - Division One: 1 Andy Craig 77-11-66, 2 Eric Armstrong 80-12-68, 3 Andy Soffley 82-12-70. Division Two: 1 Dan Wilkins 78-15-63, 2 Steve Piotrowski 81-16-65, 3 Hayden Durrant 87-20-67. Division Three: Graham Hepworth 96-23-73, 2 Patrick Bowes 101-24-77, 3 Paul Mower 109-27-82.

■ Haverhill's head pro Paul Wilby was delighted with the turnout for the Junior Skills Challenge. There were three handicap categories and each junior had to compete in five different skills challenges, scoring points for each ball that hit the target. Each player had five shots on each skill, giving them 25 point-scoring opportunities.

Winners - Handicap 0 to 9: Liam Merritt. Handicap 10-30: Ollie Fish. Handicap 30-plus: Matthew McComb.



Trophy time: Winter pairs winners Laurie Drysdale and Peter Owen (left), and George Baker Trophy winner Alastair Cocks (right) while seniors' captain Mick Couzins presents Bob Hammett with the Summer League Trophy (centre). CP



>> Athletics

Lawrence leads the way home

MARTIN Lawrence was the first Haverhill club runner to finish in the New Year's Eve 10k race at Little Downham.

He finished 45th in the 579-runner field, clocking 38min 40sec.

He was followed home by Trevor Bunch (43.22, 124th), Sian Barker (45.57, 194th), Horace Shuriah (47.34, 234th), Stephen Reyes (48.17, 257th), Terry Braverman (52.18, 344th), Jean Newlands (54.47, 404th), Jackie Wareham (55.20, 412th), and Lindsay Matthews (55.28, 415th).

>> Cricket

Meeting

THE Haverhill club's annual meeting will take place at Manor Road a week on Monday (7pm).

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